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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1451**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Florez, Campbell, and  
Bates, and Senator Costa**

February 26, 1999

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An act to add Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 32298) to Part 19 of the Education Code, relating to school safety *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1451, as amended, Florez. School Safety Act of 1999.

(1) Existing law, known as the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985, among other things, encourages public schools to develop comprehensive safety plans, establishes the School/Law Enforcement Partnership comprised of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney General, and provides for an interagency safe school model program that includes funding mechanisms.

This bill would enact the School Safety Act of 1999, that would require every school board to hold joint meetings with county sheriffs' office and, if applicable, city police offices in order to review the county's disaster response plan and, if adopted, the comprehensive safety plans developed under

the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985. The bill would require every school governing board to provide, by July 1, 2000, a drawn map of the educational facility to local law enforcement and to revise the map. Because the bill would impose increased duties on local school districts and local law enforcement agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would encourage private schools to comply with these requirements.

The bill would also establish a School Disaster Preparedness Grant Program to be administered by the State Department of Education in consultation with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the School/Law Enforcement Partnership.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(3) *This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote: ~~majority~~ <sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section  
2 32298) is added to Part 19 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 7. School Safety Act of 1999

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6 32298. This act shall be known as, and may be cited as,  
7 the School Safety Act of 1999.

1 32298.3. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Public and private educational institutions play an  
4 essential role in the lives of our children.

5 (b) Schools must be prepared to address emergency  
6 situations involving extreme violence that create an  
7 immediate threat to the life and safety of students,  
8 teachers, and administrators.

9 (c) Schools must be supported by the local, state, and  
10 federal governments to ensure that school campuses are  
11 safe.

12 (d) Schools should work in partnership with local  
13 governments and law enforcement agencies to best  
14 protect our children from harm.

15 32298.5. (a) Every school governing board shall hold  
16 a joint meeting with its county board of supervisors and,  
17 if applicable, the city council, to review the county's local  
18 disaster response plan and, if adopted, the school district's  
19 comprehensive safety plan adopted pursuant to Section  
20 32261.

21 (b) The purpose of the review shall be to evaluate the  
22 plan's or plans' effectiveness for responding to violence  
23 on school campuses including, but not limited to,  
24 shootings, hostage situations, and bombings.

25 (c) The joint meeting shall be held at a time when  
26 adequate parent and community participation can  
27 reasonably be expected.

28 (d) The joint meeting may be held as part of a  
29 regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board.

30 32298.7. (a) Every public school shall provide, by  
31 July 1, 2000, a drawn to scale map of the educational  
32 facility to the county sheriff's office and, if appropriate,  
33 the city police office.

34 (b) A revised copy of the map shall be provided to the  
35 county sheriff's office and, if appropriate, the city police  
36 office, within 60 days of any addition or modification to  
37 the school's buildings or facilities.

38 (c) A current copy of the map described in this section  
39 shall be posted in the administration office for access by  
40 law enforcement personnel.

1 (d) Private schools are encouraged to comply with the  
2 requirement of this section.

3 32299. (a) A School Disaster Preparedness Grant  
4 Program is hereby established. The program shall be  
5 administered by the State Department of Education in  
6 consultation with the Governor's Office of Emergency  
7 Services through the School/Law Enforcement  
8 Partnership established pursuant to Section 32262.

9 (b) With respect to the grant program, the  
10 partnership, the School/Law Enforcement Partnership,  
11 in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services,  
12 shall do all the following:

13 (1) Develop application criteria and procedures for  
14 applying for the grant.

15 (2) Award grants to school districts and local  
16 government consortiums to stage mock disasters.

17 (3) Evaluate the effectiveness of the funded projects  
18 through a file audit.

19 (4) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the  
20 Government Code, report to the Legislature and the  
21 Governor on the results of the program on December 1,  
22 2000 and December 1, 2001.

23 (c) Grants under the School Disaster Preparedness  
24 Grant Program shall be awarded on a formula basis to  
25 school districts and local government consortiums to  
26 stage mock disasters.

27 (d) Moneys shall be allocated to eligible consortiums  
28 on a pro rata basis based on the number of total eligible  
29 applications.

30 (e) Eligible applicants shall meet the following  
31 requirements:

32 (1) Be a consortium of at least one county government  
33 and one school district.

34 (2) Have a school district adopted comprehensive  
35 safety plan that includes specific measures relating to  
36 preparedness, response, and short-term and long-term  
37 recovery from violent school disasters.

38 (3) Have a county emergency response plan that  
39 includes response and recovery actions for school  
40 disasters.

(f) Mock disaster applications shall minimally include provisions for the following:

(1) Training and education of students, teachers, administrative school staff, the media, and other relevant community members.

(2) Coordination with local government, law enforcement, and medical personnel.

(3) A mock disaster.

(4) Evaluation of the mock disaster.

(5) A modification of existing county and school disaster response plans.

(g) The School/Law Enforcement Partnership shall issue requests for applications on or before July 1, 2000.

(h) The School/Law Enforcement Partnership shall award grants under the School Disaster Preparedness Grant Program on or before December 1, 2000.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

*In order to better prepare for emergency situations involving extreme violence that may occur in public schools to ensure the safety of pupils, teachers, and administrators, it is necessary for this bill to take effect immediately.*

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